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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Portals
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RE: In the Matter of Review of the Emergency Alert System, EB Docket No. 04-296

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Earlier today, Will Johnson and I met with Rudy Brioché, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, to discuss Verizon's positions on the Emergency Alert System. The attached presentation was used to guide the discussion, and the topics covered were limited to those addressed in Verizon's filings in the above referenced proceeding.

If you have any questions about this matter or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Brigner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Brigner" clearly legible.

cc: Rudy Brioché



Emergency Alert System

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Overview

- EAS obligations should apply to video services provided over advanced broadband networks.
- Use of the PSTN is not a viable option for emergency alerts.
- EAS obligations should not extend to other services provided over fiber networks.

Comparison of PSTN & Video Networks

PSTN

- Communication path is between specific nodes
- Engineered to include concentration, but avoid blockage
- Equipped to handle typical peaks in traffic (e.g., Mother's Day)
- Subject to overload and failure under extreme calling volumes

Hybrid QAM/IP Video

- Broadcast signals are received by all subscribers simultaneously
- IP video signals support interactive services
- Engineered to avoid delay and blockage for IP video delivery
- Broadcast is not subject to overload